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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
CHIAKI NAGAHAMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: WILDER, C. B.
SERIAL NO: 10/508,946 :
FILED: JULY 11, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1637
FOR: GEL HAVING BIOSUBSTANCE :
FIXED THERETO AND MICROARRAY
UTILIZING THE GEL

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed November 19, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a biological substance-immobilized gel and method for preparing a biological substance immobilized therein.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II and III, Claims 8-19, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.